

Based on the foregoing, the undersigned will direct counsel for the parties to confer without delay and then file a Status Report. The parties shall confer via telephone or other virtual technology and discuss the above concerns about discovery and related actions, and engage in a good faith effort to resolve their differences without further Court intervention. Failing settlement, the parties shall file a Joint Status Report discussing the status of this action, and including proposed dates for a pretrial conference in advance of the February trial term. The Status Report may include alternative proposed dates for trial later in the spring.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the parties shall file a Joint Status Report, or a Notice Of Settlement, on or before **January 20, 2021**.

Signed: January 14, 2021



David C. Keesler
United States Magistrate Judge

